

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2010-089**

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally, (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning and (f) Contaminated groundwater*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 23rd day of June, 2010, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a), Generally, (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning and (f) Contaminated groundwater are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.**

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

<i>Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)</i>	<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>In City</i>	<i>Out of City</i>
Minimum-----300	5/8"	5.56	9.00
	1"	9.28	15.01
	1 1/2"	13.01	21.03
	2"	20.40	33.01
	3"	35.27	57.05
	4"	64.95	105.05
	6"	139.20	225.14
	8"	186.90	302.31
	10"	441.70	714.44
	Additional charge per 100 cubic fee		

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category

<i>Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)</i>		<i>In City</i>	<i>Out of City</i>
<i>Residential</i>			
Next 9,700		1.74	2.83
Next 90,000		1.63	2.64
Over 100,000		1.55	2.52
<i>Irrigation</i>			
Next 9,700		2.83	4.57
Next 90,000		2.64	4.28
Over 100,000		2.52	4.07
<i>All others</i>			
Next 9,700		1.66	2.70
Next 90,000		1.55	2.52
Over 100,000		1.48	2.39

**Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.**

(a) *Generally.* Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
	In City	Out of City
Base	4.92	8.84
Each additional 100 cubic feet	2.60	4.68

(b) *Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning.* Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning systems shall be given a credit of 30 cubic feet per ton per month during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October. The minimum charge shall be:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	9.27	11.78
1	13.07	17.25
1-1/2	16.86	22.71
2	24.44	33.63
3	39.61	55.48
4	69.94	99.17
6	145.77	208.42
8	206.43	295.81
10	454.76	653.58

(f) *Contaminated groundwater.* Separate meters for discharges of contaminated groundwater are required. In City or Out of City customers discharging contaminated ground water shall pay the Out of City base monthly sewer service charge times 1.5 plus the Out of City monthly sewer service charge for each 100 cubic feet times 1.5.

This ordinance is effective as of **July 1, 2010.**

Requested by:

Utilities and Engineering

Approved by:

City Manager

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Public Hearing: 6/16/2010

Introduced: 6/16/2010

Final Reading: 6/23/2010

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO.: 2011-027

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally and (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 21st day of June, 2011, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a), Generally and (b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.**

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum----300	5/8"	5.84	9.45
	1"	9.74	15.76
	1 1/2"	13.66	22.08
	2"	21.42	34.66
	3"	37.03	59.90
	4"	68.20	110.30
	6"	146.16	236.40
	8"	196.25	317.43
	10"	463.79	750.16
	Additional charge per 100 cubic fee		

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
Residential		
Next 9,700	1.83	2.97
Next 90,000	1.71	2.77
Over 100,000	1.63	2.65
Irrigation		
Next 9,700	2.97	4.80
Next 90,000	2.77	4.49
Over 100,000	2.65	4.27
All others		
Next 9,700	1.74	2.84
Next 90,000	1.63	2.65
Over 100,000	1.55	2.51

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**Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.**

(a) *Generally.* Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
	In City	Out of City
Base	5.17	9.28
Each additional 100 cubic feet	2.73	4.91

(b) *Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning.* Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning systems shall be given a credit of 30 cubic feet per ton per month during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October. The minimum charge shall be:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	9.73	12.37
1	13.72	18.11
1-1/2	17.70	23.85
2	25.66	35.31
3	41.59	58.25
4	73.44	104.13
6	153.06	218.84
8	216.75	310.60
10	477.50	686.26

This ordinance is effective as of **July 1, 2011.**

Requested by:

Utilities and Engineering

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

  
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MAYOR

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Public Hearing: 5/17/2011  
Introduced: 6/7/2011  
Final Reading: 6/21/2011



**ORDINANCE NO.: 2012-050**

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rate, Sec. 23-146. Fire Hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 26th day of June, 2012, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-146. Fire Hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges, and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a), Generally are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.**

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum----300	5/8"	6.00	10.20
	1"	15.00	25.50
	1 1/2"	30.00	51.00
	2"	48.00	81.60
	3"	96.00	163.20
	4"	150.00	255.00
	6"	300.00	510.00
	8"	480.00	816.00
	10"	750.00	1275.00
Additional charge per 100 cubic fee			

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
<i>Residential</i>		
Next 9,700	2.00	3.40
Next 90,000	1.90	3.23
Over 100,000	1.80	3.06
<i>Irrigation</i>		
Next 9,700	3.40	5.78
Next 90,000	3.23	5.49
Over 100,000	3.06	5.20
<i>All others</i>		
Next 9,700	1.90	3.23
Next 90,000	1.80	3.06
Over 100,000	1.70	2.89

**Sec. 23-146. Fire Hydrant, fire protection and sprinkler system charges.**

(a) Fire hydrant charges added to water bills for out-of-city customers shall be:

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|--|---------|
| (1) Residential, single unit                       | \$8.00  |
| (2) Residential, multi-unit (served by one meter): |         |
| a. First unit                                      | \$8.00  |
| b. Each additional unit                            | \$6.00  |
| (3) Small business                                 | \$10.00 |
| (4) Commercial                                     | \$18.00 |
| (5) Heavy commercial or light industry             | \$34.00 |
| (6) Industry                                       | \$44.00 |
- (b) The minimum charge shall be made for each out-of-city meter connected to the water line, even though it may be cut off.

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(c) Where property served by private hydrants or sprinkler systems is outside of the city limits, the following rates will be charged, payable monthly:

(1) Hydrants: \$48.00 per year each.

(2) Sprinkler systems: \$0.24 per sprinkler head per year.

(d) Use of water through a meter installed for sprinkler system service for purposes other than outside irrigation shall result in forfeiture of the meter and service.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to cover a meter box through grading or fill dirt after the request for the meter to be installed has been made. Any violator of this subsection will be required to pay the cost of relocating the meter box.

(f) A fee of \$175.00 shall be charged for each fire hydrant flow test made by the city engineer upon private application.

(g) Out-of-city customers in the county shall pay a fire protection charge as follows:

(1) Residential	\$1.00
(2) Residential, multi-unit (served by one meter):	
a. First unit	1.00
b. Each additional unit	0.50
(3) Small business	1.50
(4) Commercial	3.50
(5) Heavy commercial or light industry	7.50
(6) Industry	10.00

**Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.**

(a) *Generally.* Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
1	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
1-1/2	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
2	\$ 9.60	\$ 16.32
3	\$ 19.20	\$ 32.64
4	\$ 30.00	\$ 51.00
6	\$ 60.00	\$102.00
8	\$ 96.00	\$163.20
10	\$150.00	\$255.00
Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
Each additional 100 cubic feet	In City \$ 2.90	Out of City \$ 4.93

This ordinance is effective as of **July 1, 2012.**

Requested by:

Utilities and Engineering

Approved by:

City Manager

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Public Hearing: 6/5/2012

Introduced: 6/5/2012

Final Reading: 6/26/2012

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO.: 2013-013

Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rate, and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a) Generally

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 26th day of March, 2013, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, (a), Generally are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.**

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum----	300		
	5/8"	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
	1"	\$ 10.02	\$ 17.03
	1 1/2"	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.50
	2"	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.80
	3"	\$ 48.00	\$ 81.60
	4"	\$ 75.00	\$ 127.50
	6"	\$ 150.18	\$ 255.31
	8"	\$ 240.00	\$ 408.00
	10"	\$ 476.52	\$ 810.08
Additional charge per 100 cubic fee			

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
<i>Residential</i>		
Next 9,700	\$ 2.16	\$ 3.67
Next 90,000	\$ 2.05	\$ 3.49
Over 100,000	\$ 1.94	\$ 3.30
<i>Irrigation</i>		
Next 9,700	\$ 3.67	\$ 6.24
Next 90,000	\$ 3.49	\$ 5.93
Over 100,000	\$ 3.30	\$ 5.61
<i>All others</i>		
Next 9,700	\$ 2.05	\$ 3.49
Next 90,000	\$ 1.94	\$ 3.30
Over 100,000	\$ 1.82	\$ 3.09



**Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.**

(a) *Generally.* Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
1	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
1-1/2	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.20
2	\$ 9.60	\$ 16.32
3	\$ 19.20	\$ 32.64
4	\$ 30.00	\$ 51.00
6	\$ 60.00	\$102.00
8	\$ 96.00	\$163.20
10	\$150.00	\$255.00
Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
	In City	Out of City
Each additional 100 cubic feet	\$ 3.13	\$ 5.32

This ordinance is effective as of **May 1, 2013.**

Requested by:


Utilities and Engineering

Approved by:


  
City Manager

  
MAYOR

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Public Hearing: 3/19/2013

Introduced: 3/19/2013

Final Reading: 3/26/2013

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ORDINANCE NO.: 2015-025

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 16th day of June, 2015, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-143. - Water service rates.**

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum—300	5/8"	6.60	11.22
	1"	11.02	18.73
	1½"	16.50	28.05
	2"	26.40	44.88
	3"	52.80	89.76
	4"	82.50	140.25
	6"	165.20	280.84
	8"	264.00	448.80
	10"	524.17	891.09
Additional charge per 100 cubic feet			

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category.

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
<b>Residential:</b>		
Next 9,700	2.37	4.03
Next 90,000	2.25	3.83
Over 100,000	2.13	3.62
<b>Irrigation</b>		
Next 9,700	4.03	6.85
Next 90,000	3.83	6.51
Over 100,000	3.62	6.16
<b>All others</b>		
Next 9,700	2.25	3.83
Next 90,000	2.13	3.62
Over 100,000	2.00	3.39

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(a) Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	6.60	11.22
1	6.60	11.22
1½	6.60	11.22
2	10.56	17.95
3	21.12	35.90
4	33.00	56.10
6	66.00	112.20
8	105.60	179.52
10	165.00	280.50

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
	In City	Out of City
Each 100 cubic feet	3.43	5.83

(b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning. Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning systems shall be given a credit of 30 cubic feet per ton per month during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October. The minimum charge shall be:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	10.70	13.61
1	15.09	19.92
1½	19.47	26.24
2	28.23	38.84
3	45.75	64.08
4	80.78	114.54
6	168.37	240.72
8	238.43	341.66
10	525.25	754.89

(c) Limitation on charge on single-family residences. Maximum sewer charge on single-family residences during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October will be 1,400 cubic feet.

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(d) Apartments and trailer parks. Sewer rates for apartment buildings and trailer parks shall be the base rate of a single-family residence per dwelling unit plus a base fee based on meter connection size plus the rate per 100 cubic feet as reflected by water consumption.

(e) Hotels, motels, dormitories and roominghouses. Sewer rates for hotels, motels, dormitories and roominghouses shall be one-half the base rate of a single-family residence per room plus a base fee based on meter connection size plus the rate per 100 cubic feet as reflected by water consumption.


(f) Contaminated groundwater. Separate meters for discharges of contaminated groundwater are required. In city or out of city customers discharging contaminated ground water shall pay the out of city base monthly sewer service charge times one and one-half plus the out of city monthly sewer service charge for each 100 cubic feet times one and one-half.

Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

Mayor

Approved by:

  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

Public Hearing: 5/19/2015

Introduced: 6/2/2015

Final Reading: 6/16/2015

ORDINANCE NO.: 2017-044

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b)*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 20th day of June, 2017, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of The City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b), are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.**

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum--300	3/4"	\$6.91	\$11.75
	1"	\$11.54	\$19.62
	1.5"	\$17.28	\$29.38
	2"	\$27.65	\$47.01
	3"	\$55.31	\$94.02
	4"	\$86.42	\$146.91
	6"	\$173.05	\$294.18
	8"	\$276.54	\$470.12
	10"	\$549.07	\$933.42

Additional charge per 100 cubic feet

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category.

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
Residential:		
Next 9,700	\$2.48	\$4.22
Next 90,000	\$2.36	\$4.01
Over 100,000	\$2.23	\$3.79
Irrigation:		
Next 9,700	\$4.22	\$7.17
Next 90,000	\$4.01	\$6.82
Over 100,000	\$3.79	\$6.45
All others:		
Next 9,700	\$2.36	\$4.01
Next 90,000	\$2.23	\$3.79
Over 100,000	\$2.09	\$3.55

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**Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.**

(a) Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	\$6.91	\$11.75
1	\$6.91	\$11.75
1½	\$6.91	\$11.75
2	\$11.06	\$18.80
3	\$22.12	\$37.60
4	\$34.57	\$58.76
6	\$69.13	\$117.53
8	\$110.62	\$188.05
10	\$172.84	\$293.82

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge			
	In City		Out of City	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Each 100 cubic feet	\$3.43	\$3.59	\$5.83	\$6.11

(b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning. Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning systems shall be given a credit of 30 cubic feet per ton per month during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October. The minimum charge shall be:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	\$11.21	\$14.26
1	\$15.81	\$20.87
1½	\$20.39	\$27.49
2	\$29.57	\$40.68
3	\$47.92	\$67.12
4	\$84.62	\$119.98
6	\$176.37	\$252.15
8	\$249.75	\$357.89
10	\$550.20	\$790.75

(c) Limitation on charge on single-family residences. Maximum sewer charge on single-family residences during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October will be 1,400 cubic feet.

(d) Apartments and trailer parks. Sewer rates for apartment buildings and trailer parks shall be the base rate of a single-family residence per dwelling unit plus a base fee based on meter connection size plus the rate per 100 cubic feet as reflected by water consumption.

(e) Hotels, motels, dormitories and roominghouses. Sewer rates for hotels, motels, dormitories and roominghouses shall be one-half the base rate of a single-family residence per room plus a base fee based on meter connection size plus the rate per 100 cubic feet as reflected by water consumption.

(f) Contaminated groundwater. Separate meters for discharges of contaminated groundwater are required. In city or out of city customers discharging contaminated ground water shall pay the out of city base monthly sewer service charge times one and one-half plus the out of city monthly sewer service charge for each 100 cubic feet times one and one-half.

This ordinance is effective as of July 1, 2017.

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Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

Approved by:

Cheresa Wilson  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
City Attorney

Public Hearing: 6/13/2017

Introduced: 6/13/2017

Final Reading: 6/20/2017

[Signature]  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Quiana D. Heaw  
City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2018-027**

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b)*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 19th day of June, 2018, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates (a) and (b), are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.**

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum--300	3/4"	7.58	12.90
	1"	12.67	21.53
	1.5"	18.97	32.25
	2"	30.35	51.60
	3"	60.71	103.20
	4"	94.85	161.25
	6"	189.94	322.89
	8"	303.53	516.00
	10"	602.66	1024.52
Additional charge per 100 cubic feet			

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category.

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
<b>Residential:</b>		
Next 9,700	2.72	4.63
Next 90,000	2.59	4.40
Over 100,000	2.45	4.16
<b>Irrigation:</b>		
Next 9,700	4.63	7.87
Next 90,000	4.40	7.49
Over 100,000	4.16	7.08
<b>All others:</b>		
Next 9,700	2.59	4.40
Next 90,000	2.45	4.16
Over 100,000	2.29	3.90

**Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.**

(a) Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	7.58	12.90
1	7.58	12.90
1½	7.58	12.90
2	12.14	20.63
3	24.28	41.27
4	37.94	64.49
6	75.88	129.00
8	121.42	206.40
10	189.71	322.50

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge	
	In City	Out of City
Each 100 cubic feet	3.94	6.71

(b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning. Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning systems shall be given a credit of 30 cubic feet per ton per month during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October. The minimum charge shall be:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	12.30	15.65
1	17.35	22.91
1½	22.38	30.17
2	32.46	44.65
3	52.60	73.67
4	92.88	131.69
6	193.58	276.76
8	274.13	392.82
10	603.90	867.93

(c) Limitation on charge on single-family residences. Maximum sewer charge on single-family residences during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October will be 1,400 cubic feet.

(d) Apartments and trailer parks. Sewer rates for apartment buildings and trailer parks shall be the base rate of a single-family residence per dwelling unit plus a base fee based on meter connection size plus the rate per 100 cubic feet as reflected by water consumption.

(e) Hotels, motels, dormitories and roominghouses. Sewer rates for hotels, motels, dormitories and roominghouses shall be one-half the base rate of a single-family residence per room plus a base fee based on meter connection size plus the rate per 100 cubic feet as reflected by water consumption.

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This ordinance is effective as of July 1, 2018.



Requested by:

Mayor and City Council

Approved by:

Channon Wilson  
City Manager

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Erika D. Moore  
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-039

*Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council this 18th day of June, 2019, that the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 23, Utilities and Engineering, Article V, Water and Sewer Rates, Sec. 23-143 Water service rates and Sec. 23-149 Sewer service rates, are amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 23-143. Water service rates.**

Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, monthly water service charges shall be as follows:

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Meter Size (inches)	In City	Out of City
Minimum--300	3/4"	8.12	13.81
	1"	13.56	23.05
	1.5"	20.31	34.53
	2"	32.49	55.24
	3"	65.00	110.49
	4"	101.55	172.63
	6"	203.35	345.69
	8"	324.96	552.43
	10"	645.21	1096.85

Additional charge per 100 cubic feet

Volumetric Charges are based on the customer category.

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	In City	Out of City
<b>Residential:</b>		
Next 9,700	2.91	4.96
Next 90,000	2.77	4.71
Over 100,000	2.62	4.45
<b>Irrigation:</b>		
Next 9,700	4.96	8.43
Next 90,000	4.71	8.02
Over 100,000	4.45	7.58
<b>All others:</b>		
Next 9,700	2.77	4.71
Next 90,000	2.62	4.45
Over 100,000	2.45	4.18

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**Sec. 23-149. Sewer service rates.**

(a) Generally. Except as otherwise provided by contract, the monthly sewer service charge shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	8.12	13.81
1	8.12	13.81
1½	8.12	13.81
2	13.00	22.09
3	25.99	44.18
4	40.62	69.04
6	81.24	138.11
8	129.99	220.97
10	203.10	345.27

Monthly Water Use (cubic feet)	Monthly Sewer Service Charge In City	Out of City
Each 100 cubic feet	4.22	7.18

(b) Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning. Consumers using water cooling towers for air conditioning systems shall be given a credit of 30 cubic feet per ton per month during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October. The minimum charge shall be:

Size of Meter (inches)	In City	Out of City
5/8	13.17	16.75
1	18.57	24.53
1½	23.96	32.30
2	34.75	47.80
3	56.31	78.87
4	99.44	140.99
6	207.25	296.30
8	293.48	420.55
10	646.54	929.21

(c) Surcharge for excess BOD or suspended solids. If any person discharges into the sanitary sewerage system a waste containing BOD concentration or suspended solids in excess of 300 milligrams per liter, then such person shall pay an additional cost according to rates determined by the city council. This monthly surcharge will be assessed on each pound of BOD and each pound of suspended solids in excess of 300 milligrams per liter as follows:

	BOD Rate	Suspended Solids Rate
Effective July 1, 1998	\$0.08	\$0.06
Effective July 1, 1999	0.11	0.08
Effective July 1, 2000	0.14	0.10
Effective July 1, 2001	0.17	0.12
Effective July 1, 2002	0.20	0.14

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- (d) *Limitation on charge on single-family residences.* Maximum sewer charge on single-family residences during the service periods commencing in the months of April through October will be 1,400 cubic feet.
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